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SUBJECT: OIL SPILL AT GULF TERMINAL

1. PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN CONCERNED BY OIL SPILL FROM TANKER AT GULF OIL TRANSHIPMENT TERMINAL IN BANTRY BAY (SOUTHWEST IRELAND). LEAKAGE BEGAN ABOUT OCTOBER 21, AND SCALE WAS VASTLY UNDERSTIMATED IN FIRST STATEMENTS BY GULF SPOKESMEN. THEIR FIRST ESTIMATE OF LEAKAGE WAS "175 GALLONS"; UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE IS NOW OVER 1,000 TONS OF CRUDE OIL. LEAKAGE TOOK PLACE IN SCENIC AREA AND IMMOBILIZED A SMALL FISHING PORT. ACCORDING TO PRESS, GULF OIL HAS NOW FLOWN IN TWO SENIOR AMERICAN EXECUTIVES, WHO HAVE PROMISED FULL INVESTIGATION AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES. LEADING POLITICIANS HAVE VISITED AREA AND COMMENTED ON SPILLAGE. BY COINCIDENCE, INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AT A TIME WHEN PRESS HAD BEEN ACCUSING GOVERNMENT OF ALLOWING GULF TO OPERATE TRANSHIPMENT TERMINAL WITHOUT MAKING DUE PAYMENT TO ECONOMY OF COUNTRY.

2. COMMENT: WITHOUT JUDGING MERITS OF CASE, WE THINK IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR OIL COMPANIES TO SET UP MAJOR INSTALLATIONS IN IRELAND IN FUTURE.

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